IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend paragraphs [0014] and [0026] as follows.

[0014]   According to a second aspect of the invention, this object is achieved by an apparatus and a method of enhancing a coded audio signal comprising indices which represent audio signal parameters which comprise at least a first parameter representing a first characteristic of the audio signal and a background noise parameter, comprising:

determining a current first parameter value from an index corresponding to at least a first parameter;

adjusting the current first parameter value in order to achieve an enhanced first characteristic, thereby obtaining an enhanced first parameter value;

determining a new index value from a table relating index values to at least first parameter values, such that a new first parameter value corresponding to the new index value substantially matches the enhanced first parameter value;

detecting a current background noise parameter index value; and

determining a new background noise parameter index value corresponding to the enhanced first characteristic. According to a third aspect of the invention, this object is achieved by an apparatus and a method of enhancing a coded audio signal comprising indices which represent audio signal parameters, comprising:

detecting a characteristic of an audio signal;

detecting a current background noise parameter index value; and

determining a new background noise parameter index value corresponding to the detected characteristic of the audio signal.

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[0026] ~~The invention may also be embodied as computer program product comprising portions for performing steps when the product is run on a computer. The computer program can be directly loadable into an internal memory of the computer.~~ Figs. 9 and 10 show diagrams illustrating re-quantized levels of the fixed codebook gain factor.

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